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AN OPIOID ANALGESIC AND AN NMDA
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
(FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION)

Dear Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the final Office Action dated July 27, 2007 (the "Office Action"), and now submit this response. Further to the Notice of Appeal filed January 25, 2008, a request for extension of time and a request for continued examination are being filed herewith in lieu of an appeal brief. This paper is believed to be timely filed. Please consider the remarks that follow:

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